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LB 775

Council with Susanne Johnson with them, who is the event coordinator, and Marge Schlitt, who is a Council staff member. These girls are all from southeast Nebraska from the districts of Senators Remmers, Carsten, Sieck, Warner, Wesely, Harris, Beutler, Marsh, Morehead, Eret, and Landis, and if they can all get in and hear my voice, we want to welcome them to the Legislature this morning. Thank you very much for coming. Senator Marsh, do you have an announcement?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, Mr. President, the Reference Committee will meet at ten forty-five which is just four minutes from now in Room 2102.

PRESIDENT: In 2102 four minutes from now Senator Marsh announces a meeting of the Reference Committee. And the Speaker has asked me to ask the cooperation of the membership this morning in finishing our morning duties about not later than a quarter of twelve, eleven forty-five, so that we may attend a luncheon and the members may attend a meeting of the Commonwealth Committee this afternoon. Now I believe we have...Senator Barrett, is Senator Barrett here? Are you ready to take up LB 775?

CLERK: Mr. President, 775 offered by Senator Barrett (read title). The bill was read on January 4 of this year. It was referred to the Health and Welfare Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. Mr. President, I have no amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, I guess I have the pleasure this morning of offering to you LB 775, the first bill out of the chute in terms of this, the second session. The bill simply further enhances the Nebraska Medical Student Assistance Act which was enacted by this body I believe in 1978, a bill or a law to help the Med School graduates who have agreed to serve in medically underserved areas of the state, principally the rural areas. The bill simply allows a medical student under the program a total of five years to begin repaying that loan as opposed to the current statutory three years. This gives them time to complete specialty training in a primary